

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented) A purified monoclonal antibody which specifically recognizes a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) A therapeutic composition for increasing the concentration of antibodies to aglycoprotein 10B antigenic epitopes in a patient in need thereof, the composition comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of the peptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, the peptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and combinations thereof.

Claims 16-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously presented) A kit for determining the concentration of aglycoprotein 10B antigenic epitopes present in blood of a patient comprising at least one blood collection tube or pipette and a purified monoclonal antibody that specifically recognizes the peptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 or the peptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein said antibody is coated on the inner surface of said collection tube or pipette.

Claim 25 (Previously presented) A kit for determining the concentration of aglycoprotein 10B antigenic epitopes present in blood of a patient comprising at least one blood collection tube or pipette and a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 26 (Previously presented) The kit of claim 25 wherein the peptide is coated on the inner surface of the tube or pipette.

Claim 27 (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 28-31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (New) The therapeutic composition of claim 15 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.